

REMARKSAllowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-9, 12-13, 19-27, 29-36, 38, 44-52, 54-56, and 61-63 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response

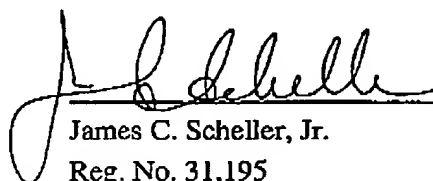
Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out the allowable subject matter in the above claims. Claims 2, 19, 29, 44, 54 and 61 have been rewritten in independent form and all other ^{independent} claims have been canceled without prejudice. The claims which remain should be allowable.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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